

Remarks

I. Status of claims

Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-57 are pending.

The Examiner has withdrawn all prior rejections of the pending claims over the prior art (see §1 on page 2 of the Office action). The only remaining issues in the application are the new rejections of claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-57 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, first paragraph.

II. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-57 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As amended, independent claim 1 is tied to a particular machine (i.e., a “processor”; see, e.g., FIG. 2 and page 10, line 21 - page 11, line 4 of the specification) and therefore is directed to statutory subject matter.

Claims 2-6, 8-21, and 23-57 depend from independent claim 1 and therefore are directed to statutory subject matter for at least the same reason as independent claim 1.

III. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on the sole basis that the claims were deemed to be directed to non-statutory subject matter.

For the reasons explained above, all the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, now should be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

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